

WASHINGTON  
**HIGHER  
EDUCATION**  
COORDINATING BOARD



**WE HELP  
STUDENTS  
SUCCEED**



# WFAA Summer Workshop

## HECB Update

July 2006

# HECB Agenda

- **State and Agency Updates**
- **SFA Program Updates**
  - State Need Grant
  - State Work Study
  - Educational Opportunity Grant
  - Community Scholarship Matching Grant
  - WA Scholars, WAVE, Future Teachers
  - Foster Care Initiatives

# Agenda Cont.

- **SFA Project Updates**
  - Business & System Improvements
  - Data Mining
  - Scholarship Coalition & College Goal Sunday
  - ACG State Summary
  - Unit Record
  - DVR Training
  - WAFAX
  - Training for Schools
  - Private Career Work Group

# State Update

- **Washington Learns**

- Governor appointed K-20 advisory committee
- “Making the Grade: WA Higher Education and the Global Challenge” draft report
- Includes recommendations to:
  - Raise overall educational attainment
  - Provide fair, sufficient and stable funding
  - Improve articulation and transitions for students
  - Improve efficiency, governance and accountability

# Agency Updates

- **Board - June 27, 2006 Meeting**
  - Agency Budget Requests
  - GEAR-UP report
  - Rules Changes
- **Next Meeting – Sept. 28, Olympia**

# Agency Updates

- **Budget Initiatives**

- Staff recommendations related to financial aid:
  - Keep pace with tuition and enrollment\*
  - Expand reach of SNG to 75%
  - Fund SNG at full tuition cost
  - SWS – high demand work experiences
  - EOG expansion
  - Scholarship Clearinghouse maintenance
  - GEAR UP expansion
  - Information outreach to underserved populations
  - College “one stop” web portal

\* SNG, SWS, WAVE, Scholars, WICHE

# Agency Updates

- **GET**
  - 8,661 students eligible fall 2006
  - 11,235 new accounts in last year
  - 66,367 total accounts
  - New enrollment period begins 9/15/06 and ends 3/31/07
  - GET account value now listed on the FAFSA as an asset of the parent.



# Agency Updates

## GEAR UP

District	School	# of Students
Bellingham	Shuksan Middle School	100
Eastmont	Sterling Intermediate School and Clovis Intermediate School	100
Everett	North Middle School	75
Federal Way	Totem Middle School	100
Inchelium	Inchelium Middle School	10
Monroe	Monroe Middle School	50
Okanogan	Okanogan Middle School	75
Quincy	Quincy Middle School	75
Vancouver	Discovery and Jason Lee Middle Schools	200
Wapato	Wapato Middle School	100
Wenatchee	Pioneer Middle School	50
West Valley	Centennial Middle School and West Valley City School	100
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1035</b>



# Student Financial Aid Program Updates

# State Need Grant

## 2005-06 Reconciliation

- All schools have submitted for the 2005-06 year.
- Staff are auditing override reasons and verifying balances submitted against Portal figures.
- Once audits are complete the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase will begin, this may involve more contact with schools.
- Be sure to send in institutional refunds to HECB along with the reconciliation form.
- Questions? Contact Carissa Glassburn.

# **State Need Grant**

## **Distribution of 2006-07 Reserves**

- 2006-07 Initial Reserves were mailed in June (based on 93 percent of available funds).
- Final reserves will be determined in late August, after 2005-06 reconciliation process is complete.
- Payment requests for 2006-07 will be processed in August, after the 2005-06 reconciliation.

# **State Need Grant**

## **Distribution of 2006-07 Initial Reserves**

<b>Sector</b>	<b>Preliminary Total Reserve</b>	<b>Percentage by sector</b>
<b>Research</b>	<b>\$ 43,315,218</b>	<b>28%</b>
<b>Comprehensive</b>	<b>\$ 29,521,029</b>	<b>19%</b>
<b>Private Four Year</b>	<b>\$ 19,080,737</b>	<b>12%</b>
<b>CTC</b>	<b>\$ 59,423,767</b>	<b>38%</b>
<b>Private Voc and Proprietary</b>	<b>\$ 3,779,460</b>	<b>3%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 155,120,211</b>	<b>100%</b>

# State Need Grant Payments

- EFTs and warrant payments have migrated to HECB's Portal web-based program.
- Automated fund balance reports should be available for the 2006-07 academic year.
- If you are a private 4-year non-profit institution interested in signing up for our EFT reimbursement, letters of invitation will be sent in a few weeks.

# State Need Grant Receivables

- All outstanding repayment accounts with good addresses have been contacted within the last few months and nearly \$20,000.00 has been brought in.
- There will be additional follow-up via correspondence and potential re-referral to a collection agency.
- The repayment survey (Part II) results are currently being interpreted.

# State Need Grant

## Less-Than-Halftime SNG Pilot Study

- SHB 1345 authorized a pilot study to look into expanding SNG eligibility to students enrolled at four and five credits.
- Currently nine schools participate.
- A large percentage of unused 1<sup>st</sup> funds will be carried over to the 2<sup>nd</sup> year.
- A legislative report on the pilot progress is due in November.



# State Need Grant

## ESSHB 1794-Expanding degree access

- Four community colleges have been selected for the pilot study.
- First enrollments will happen in Fall of 2007.
- Supports HECB's master plan initiative to expand the number of students earning college degrees at all levels.
- Dual SNG award levels for CTCs.
- SNG rules will be changed to accommodate the dual awards within the same sector.

# **State Work Study**

## **2005-06 Year End Wrap Up**

- Funds are still available to process late timesheets (private institutions).
- Majority of the public institutions have submitted year-end reports.
- Publics have been paid their 3% administrative allowance.
- Questions? Contact Khris Blumer.

# State Work Study

## 2006-07 Update

- Initial Reserves were mailed in May and have been accepted.
- There may be an August survey round.
  - The deadline would be August 21, 2006.
  - If so, the memo will be sent out the second week of August.

# **State Work Study**

## **Institutions Awarded Incentive Grants**

- Bates Technical College
- Big Bend Community College
- Centralia Community College
- Clark Community College
- Gonzaga University
- Highline Community College
- Pacific Lutheran University
- Seattle Pacific University
- Walla Walla Community College, and
- South Puget Sound Community College

# **Educational Opportunity Grant**

## **2006-2007**

- New Awards: 500 more can be made
- August Renewal Requests
- Lack of Junior Class Standing needs verification

## **2007-2008**

- Applications available in November
- Outreach/Promotion

Questions? Contact Dawn Cypriano-McAferly

# Community Scholarship Matching Grants

- April 15 application deadline
- Accept applications from 501(c)(3) organizations
- Matching grants @ \$2,000 each
- Application priorities
  - First-time Applicants
  - Permanent Endowments
  - Repeat Applicants

# Washington Scholars & WAVE

- Approximately 420 Washington Scholars.
- Approximately 295 WAVE recipients.
- Check HECB secure Web site for student lists.

**2006-07**

## **WA Scholars Award Amounts**

University of Washington	\$5,757
Washington State University	\$5,887
Independents	\$5,887
Central Washington University	\$4,393
Eastern Washington University	\$4,278
The Evergreen State College	\$4,372
Western Washington University	\$4,356
Community Technical Colleges	\$2,586



# WAVE Award Amounts

- The Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board is anticipating a grant value representing a 10 percent reduction from tuition.
- Final grant values will be released within the week.

# Future Teachers Conditional Scholarship and Loan Repayment Program

- The 2006-07 program is available only to individuals pursuing certificates or endorsements in secondary math, secondary science, special education, or bilingual education.
- In exchange, participants must be willing to teach these subjects in Washington K-12 public schools.
- Applications due October 6, 2006 and are available online <http://www.hecb.wa.gov/teachers>
- Approximately 70 students will be select in November 2006.
- Awards approximate public tuition.

# Foster Care Initiatives

- **SNG/SWS Priority for Foster Care Youth**
- **Foster Care Endowed Scholarship**
  - Next advisory board meeting September 2006
  - Participates in combined fund drive
- **Foster Care to College Partnership**
  - Six Agencies participate
  - Exploring data challenges
  - Higher education and financial aid seminars

# **Systems and Business Improvements**

- **Current systems projects**
  - State Work Study migration to Portal
  - Smaller programs in development

# Reimbursement/EFT Payments

- Key shift – option for private colleges to collect student directive and pay student first; then HECB reimburses
- Pilot with Seattle University and Gonzaga on SNG & EOG complete
- Attorney General approval to expand
- Next phase: All private 4 yr non-profit institutions
  - Letter of invitation in next few weeks
  - Addendum to participation agreement
  - HECB Student Directive

# Data Mining

- Data sources to be analyzed include: Unit Record, FAFSA data & SNG interim/recon data
- Variety of data analysis activities:
  - Identify existing trends in participation rates and aid utilization at statewide, sector and institutional levels

# Variety of Data Analysis Activities

- Compare and contrast local trends with national
- Use findings to inform legislative staff and to improve state aid program design
- Assist schools with data requests or to provide data-driven perspectives
- Work with schools to get a better understanding of what the data appears to be telling us
- Questions? Contact Brian Shirley

# **Scholarship Coalition and College Goal Sunday**

- **Scholarship Coalition**
  - Met last week to hear from consultants.
- **College Goal Sunday - January 28, 2007**
  - Tri-Cities, Yakima, Spokane, Seattle, Tacoma, Olympia, Everett



# ACG State Summary

- All State Plans Recognized
- WA is a State Scholar Initiative state and listed as “WA Scholar Designation”
- WA Standards
  - Four credits of English;
  - Three credits of mathematics (including Algebra II);
  - Three credits of social studies;
  - Two credits of science, including a laboratory science; and
  - One year of fine arts (for which one additional year of study in any of the other subjects required – English, math, social studies, or science – may be substituted.)

## ACG Eligibility Data

Select the rigorous high school program of study that the student completed:

For more information about each state's rigorous high school programs, select [State Programs](#).

Check one or both (if they apply to the student):

☐ Student's Eligible AP/IB Exam Score.

The student completed two or more Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) exams for the courses completed **or**  
The student completed two or more International Baccalaureate (IB) exams for the courses completed.

☐ Student's Eligible High School Coursework.  
(Set of courses similar to State Scholars Initiative)

The student completed and passed all of the following high school courses:

- Four years of English
- Three years of math (including Algebra I and a higher level math class such as Algebra II, Geometry, or Data Analysis and Statistics)
- Three years of social studies
- Three years of science (including at least one year each of two of the following: Biology, Chemistry, or Physics)
- One year of a foreign language other than English.

Be sure to submit this information. We will send this information to the colleges currently listed on the student's FAFSA. The student will also receive a Student Aid Report (SAR).

The financial aid administrator at the student's college will determine if he or she is eligible for an ACG. All follow-up information will come from the financial aid office at the student's college.

Select

Select

**Department of Defense Programs**

Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) Requirements

**State Rigorous/Scholars Programs**

Washington Coursework Requirements

Washington Scholar Designation

Washington State Scholars Initiative

# Unit Record Report 2005-06

- Due Date is October 6, 2006.
  - With complete, verified, corrected data.
- URR data submission program available August 7th.
  - 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04, 2004-05 comparison data is available.
- Instructions (2005-06 Unit Record Manual) now available on Web site:  
<http://www.hecb.wa.gov/financialaid/urr/urrindex.asp>.

# Unit Record Report

(continued)

- Field 52 (Does Student Have Impairment?) is an optional field beginning in 2005-06. Schools are not required to make a programming change.
- Field 55 and 56 (info regarding need and disbursement data that cross over academic years) are no longer optional. Schools are required to report data for these fields.
- Training dates:  
Aug 17 - Interface Computer School in Spokane  
Aug 22 - Highline Community College in Des Moines
- Questions? Contact Brian Shirley.

# **DVR Information Exchange**

**DVR Information Exchange has expanded and will include:**

- Four-year public institutions
- Public community and technical colleges
- Four-year private institutions

**Questions? Contact Marlena Rae Robbins.**

# DVR Information Exchange Training

## **August 1, 10 am – Noon**

North Seattle Community College  
Education Bldg, ED 2843

## **August 2, 10 am – Noon**

University of Puget Sound  
Wheelock Student Ctr, Rotunda Rm

## **August 3, 9 – 11 am**

South Seattle Community College  
Olympic Hall, Room 120

## **August 3, 1 – 3 pm**

Everett Community College  
Jackson Center

## **August 4, 10 am – Noon**

Columbia Basin Community College  
Room TD-436

## **August 8, 9 – 11 am**

Spokane Community College  
Lair Bldg 6, Littlefoot Room

## **August 9, 1:30 – 3:30 pm**

Whatcom Community College  
Syre Student Center, Room 105

## **August 9, 2 – 4 pm**

Yakima Valley Community College  
Deccio Bldg, Parker Room

## **August 10, 10 am – Noon**

Clark College  
Gaiser Hall, Penguin Stu Union,  
Fireplace Rm

## **August 10, 10 am – Noon**

Olympic College  
Rotunda Room

## **August 11, 9 – 11 am**

South Puget Sound Community College  
Bldg 34, Room 128

# WAFAX

## Washington Financial Aid Exchange

**Financial aid data exchange for co-enrolled students.**

- Received K-20 grant for development
- Work group met 7/26
  - Developed use cases
  - Reviewed data elements

Questions? Contact Rachelle Sharpe

# Outreach Visits

- 11 schools visited, 8 scheduled & 53 to go
- Best practice – Art Institute's SNG Policy Manual
- Lessons learned – counting untaxed income
- Compliance worksheets in development

**Thank you for your workshop feedback**



# Private Career Schools

- Continuing work with the WA Federation and FA representatives.
- Will lead to suggested changes to our WAC.
- A public meeting with the HECB Board SFA sub-committee will be scheduled.
- We will keep this sector apprised of our work in this area.

# Web Addresses

- Secure Web site registration:  
<https://fortress.wa.gov/hecb/secure/login.asp>
  - Secure E-mail
  - Signature-less document submission
  - Misc document submission (was secure file upload)
  - Secure file downloads
  - Secure site news updates
- HECB Public Web site:  
<http://www.hecb.wa.gov>
- Materials from HECB meetings  
<http://www.hecb.wa.gov/intro/packets.html>

# HECB Contacts

**John Klacik**

Director

Student Financial Aid

360-753-7851

[johnk@hecb.wa.gov](mailto:johnk@hecb.wa.gov)

**Betty Gebhardt**

Senior Associate Director

Student Financial Aid

360.753.7852

[bettyg@hecb.wa.gov](mailto:bettyg@hecb.wa.gov)

**Brian Shirley**

Program and Policy  
Analyst

360-753-7864

[brians@hecb.wa.gov](mailto:brians@hecb.wa.gov)

**Julie Japhet**

Operations  
Manager

360.753.7840

[juliej@hecb.wa.gov](mailto:juliej@hecb.wa.gov)

**Rachelle Sharpe**

Program and Policy  
Analyst

360-753-7872

[rachelles@hecb.wa.gov](mailto:rachelles@hecb.wa.gov)

# State Need Grant

**Julie Japhet**

Operations Manager

360-753-7840

[juliej@hecb.wa.gov](mailto:juliej@hecb.wa.gov)

**Carissa Glassburn**

Program Manager

360-753-7841

[carissag@hecb.wa.gov](mailto:carissag@hecb.wa.gov)

**Rena Watts**

Program Coordinator

360.753.7848

[renaew@hecb.wa.gov](mailto:renaew@hecb.wa.gov)

# State Work Study

**Betty Gebhardt**

Senior Associate Director

360-753-7852

[bettyg@hecb.wa.gov](mailto:bettyg@hecb.wa.gov)

**Jeffrey Powell**

Program Associate

360-704-4150

[jeffreyp@hecb.wa.gov](mailto:jeffreyp@hecb.wa.gov)

**Khris Blumer**

Program Associate

360-753-7857

[khrisb@hecb.wa.gov](mailto:khrisb@hecb.wa.gov)

**Juliette Knight**

Program Manager

360-753-7842

[juliettek@hecb.wa.gov](mailto:juliettek@hecb.wa.gov)

**Cindy Merlino**

Program Coordinator

360-753-7829

[cindym@hecb.wa.gov](mailto:cindym@hecb.wa.gov)

**EOG**

**WICHE/  
CSMG**

**Dawn Cypriano-McAferty**

Program Manager

360-753-7846

[dawnc@hecb.wa.gov](mailto:dawnc@hecb.wa.gov)

**Marlena Rae Robbins**

Program Coordinator

360-753-7861

[marlenar@hecb.gov.wa](mailto:marlenar@hecb.gov.wa)

**FTCS**

**Mary Knutson**

Program Manager

360-753-7845

[maryk@hecb.wa.gov](mailto:maryk@hecb.wa.gov)

# **Washington Scholars**

**AIES**  
American Indian  
Endowed  
Scholarship

**Ann Lee**  
Program Manager  
360-753-7843  
[annl@hecb.wa.gov](mailto:annl@hecb.wa.gov)

# **HPLRS**

Health Professionals  
Loan Repayment  
Scholarship

**Kathy McVay**

Program Manager  
360-236-2816

[Kathy.Mcvay@doh.wa.gov](mailto:Kathy.Mcvay@doh.wa.gov)

**Chris Wilkins**

Program Coordinator  
360-236-2817

[Chris.Wilkins@hecb.wa.gov](mailto:Chris.Wilkins@hecb.wa.gov)

# **Your Questions/Comments?**

## **THANK YOU!!**



WASHINGTON  
**HIGHER  
EDUCATION**  
COORDINATING BOARD



**WE HELP  
STUDENTS  
SUCCEED**